# Robotics

(Course viewgraphs)

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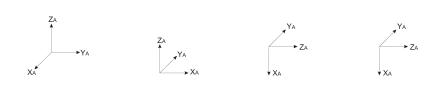
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# Rotation around moving axis: Non uniqueness – Example

The set of Euler angles Z - Y - Z is not unique



Rotations:

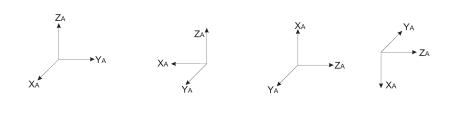
 $R_Z(\frac{\pi}{2})$ 

$$R_Y(\frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$R_Z(0)$$



# Rotation around moving axis: Non uniqueness – Example



 $R_Y(-\frac{\pi}{2})$ 

... 2 sequences of different rotations yield in the same orientation

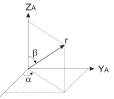
 $R_Z(-\frac{\pi}{2})$ 

Rotations:



 $R_Z(\pi)$ 

## Rotations around arbitrary axis



Align with the axis Z Step 1

$$R_Z(-\alpha) \longrightarrow R_Y(-\beta)$$

Rotation around axis Z Step 2

$$R_Z(\theta)$$

Step 3 Realign to initial direction

$$R_{Y}(\beta) \longrightarrow R_{Z}(\alpha)$$



## Rotations around arbitrary axis

Let  $r = \begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{bmatrix}$  be a unit vector; from the previous figure

$$\sin(\alpha) = \frac{r_y}{\sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}} \qquad \cos(\alpha) = \frac{r_x}{\sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2}} \qquad \sin(\beta) = \sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2} \qquad \cos(\beta) = r_z$$

substituting in  $R_r(\theta)$ 

$$R_{r}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} r_{x}^{2}(1-c_{\theta}) + c_{\theta} & r_{x}r_{y}(1-c_{\theta}) - r_{z}s_{\theta} & r_{x}r_{z}(1-c_{\theta}) + r_{y}s_{\theta} \\ r_{x}r_{y}(1-c_{\theta}) + r_{z}s_{\theta} & r_{y}^{2}(1-c_{\theta}) + c_{\theta} & r_{y}r_{z}(1-c_{\theta}) - r_{x}s_{\theta} \\ r_{x}r_{z}(1-c_{\theta}) - r_{y}s_{\theta} & r_{y}r_{z}(1-c_{\theta}) + r_{x}s_{\theta} & r_{z}^{2}(1-c_{\theta}) + c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Key property:

$$R_{-r}(-\theta) = R_r(\theta)$$





## Rotations around arbitrary axis

Given frames  $\mathcal{F}_A$  and  $\mathcal{F}_B$  is there a rotation axis, r, and an angle,  $\theta$ , such that  $\mathcal{F}_{R} = R_{r}(\theta) \mathcal{F}_{A}$ ?

The answer is yes (Euler theorem of rotation)

For elementary rotations, obviously:

$$R_X(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\theta} & -s_{\theta} \\ 0 & s_{\theta} & c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{Y}( heta) = \left[ egin{array}{cccc} \mathbf{c}_{ heta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{s}_{ heta} \ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \ -\mathbf{s}_{ heta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{c}_{ heta} \end{array} 
ight]$$

$$R_X(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\theta} & -s_{\theta} \\ 0 & s_{\theta} & c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix} \quad R_Y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta} & 0 & s_{\theta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\theta} & 0 & c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix} \quad R_Z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta} & -s_{\theta} & 0 \\ s_{\theta} & c_{\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Orientation:

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 0, \gamma = \theta$$

$$r = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = \theta, \gamma = 0$$

Rotation axis:

$$r = (0, 1, 0)$$

#### Orientation:

$$\alpha = \theta, \beta = \mathbf{0}, \gamma = \mathbf{0}$$

Rotations axis:

$$r = (0,0,1)$$
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#### Rotations around arbitrary axis: Inverse problem

What is the rotation axis, and angle, that correspond to a given rotation matrix?

From 
$$r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} = \underbrace{(r_x^2 + r_y^2 + r_z^2)}_{=1} \quad (1 - c_\theta) + 3c_\theta$$
 one gets  $\theta = a\cos(\frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2})$ 

From 
$$r_{32} - r_{23} = r_y r_z (1 - c_\theta) + r_x s_\theta - r_y r_z (1 - c_\theta) + r_x s_\theta = 2r_x s_\theta$$
  
 $r_{13} - r_{31} = r_x r_z (1 - c_\theta) + r_y s_\theta - r_x r_z (1 - c_\theta) + r_y s_\theta = 2r_y s_\theta$   
 $r_{21} - r_{12} = r_x r_y (1 - c_\theta) + r_z s_\theta - r_x r_y (1 - c_\theta) + r_z s_\theta = 2r_z s_\theta$ 

one gets 
$$\begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2\sin(\theta)} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$





#### For students to explore: Quaternions

Consider the number, called a quaternion

$$q = (a, b, c, d) \equiv a \mathbf{1} + b \mathbf{i} + c \mathbf{j} + d \mathbf{k},$$
 with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ 

It is possible to demonstrate that the quaternion

$$q = \cos(\theta/2)\mathbf{1} + \sin(\theta/2) (r_x \mathbf{i} + r_y \mathbf{j} + r_z \mathbf{k})$$

describes a rotation of  $\theta$  around an axis  $(r_x, r_y, r_z)$ 

 There are advantages in using quaternions over Euler/Fixed angles (to be explored as homework)





#### **Kinematics**

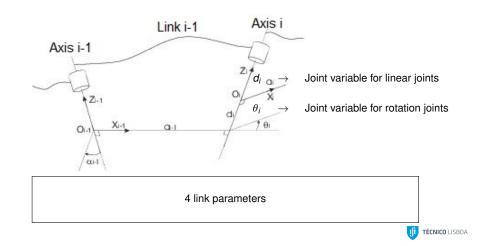
#### Study of the motion due, exclusively, to the geometry of the robot

- How to represent the motion of the robot, i.e., what is the adequate space
- How to relate the different variables that express the different degrees of freedom
- How to relate the different parts of the structure of a robot
- What are the constraints imposed by the geometry of the robot





# Serial manipulators – Modeling links and joints – The Denavit-Hartenberg (D-H) convention



# Serial manipulators – Modelling links and joints – The D-H convention

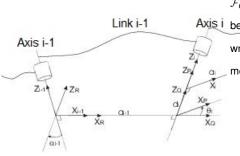
- $a_i \equiv \text{Distance from } Z_i \text{ to } Z_{i+1} \text{ along } X_i$
- $\alpha_i \equiv \text{Angle between } Z_i \text{ and } Z_{i+1} \text{ around } X_i$
- $d_i \equiv \text{Distance from } X_{i-1} \text{ to } X_i \text{ along } Z_i$
- $\theta_i \equiv \text{Angle between } X_{i-1} \text{ and } X_i \text{ around } Z_i$

- The D-H convention does not yield a unique reference frame assignment (just change the base frame)
- The D-H convention can be defined in terms of axis other than X and Z
- Rule of thumb: try assigning the reference frames assuming zero value for the reference frames as the re



#### The link transformation

Given the set of frames that describe the link variables what is the transformation that relates all of them?



Using the auxiliary frames  $\mathcal{F}_P$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_Q$  and  $\mathcal{F}_R$ , the transformation Axis i between links i-1 and i can be written as the composition of elementary transformations

$$\mathcal{F}_{i-1} = R_X(lpha_{i-1}) \ \mathcal{F}_R$$
  $\mathcal{F}_R = \operatorname{Trans}_X(a_{i-1}) \ \mathcal{F}_Q$   $\mathcal{F}_Q = R_Z( heta_i) \ \mathcal{F}_P$   $\mathcal{F}_P = \operatorname{Trans}_Z(d_i) \ \mathcal{F}_i$  If TÉCNICO LISBOA

## The link transformation

$$R_X(\alpha_{i-1}) = \left[ egin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \ 0 & \mathbf{c}_{lpha_{i-1}} & -\mathbf{s}_{lpha_{i-1}} \ 0 & \mathbf{s}_{lpha_{i-1}} & \mathbf{c}_{lpha_{i-1}} \end{array} 
ight]$$

$$R_Z( heta_i) = \left[egin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{c}_{ heta_i} & -\mathbf{s}_{ heta_i} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{s}_{ heta_i} & \mathbf{c}_{ heta_i} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{array}
ight]$$
 $Trans_X(a_{i-1}) = \left[egin{array}{ccc} a_{i-1} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{array}
ight]$ 

$$\operatorname{Trans}_{Z}(d_{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ d_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$





#### The link transformation

$$\begin{matrix} i^{-1}T \\ i \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\alpha_{i-1}} & -s_{\alpha_{i-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & s_{\alpha_{i-1}} & c_{\alpha_{i-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_{i-1} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_i} & -s_{\theta_i} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{\theta_i} & c_{\theta_i} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

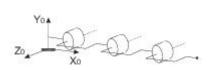
multiplying the matrices yields the link transformation

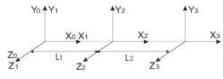
In a serial structure, the composition of all the link transformations is the <u>direct kinematics</u> and describes completely the effect of the geometry of the device in the motion capabilities





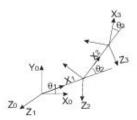
#### The D-H convention – Example





Manipulator's configuration when all joint Planar manipulator with 3 revolute joints (RRR)

variables are set to 0



Frame assignment

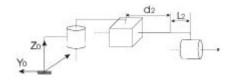
i	$\alpha_{i-1}$	$a_{i-1}$	di	$\theta_i$
1	0	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	0	<i>L</i> <sub>1</sub>	0	$\theta_2$
3	0	$L_2$	0	$\theta_3$



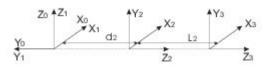




## Direct kinematics - Example - Manipulator RPR



i	$\alpha_{i-1}$	$a_{i-1}$	di	$\theta_i$
1	0	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	$\pi/2$	0	$d_2$	0
3	0	0	$L_2$	$\theta_3$





### Direct kinematics - Example - Manipulator RPR

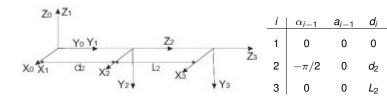
$${}^{0}_{1}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1} & -s_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^{1}_{2}T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -d_{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^{2}_{3}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{3} & -s_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{3} & c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & L_{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{0}_{3}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1}c_{3} & -c_{1}s_{3} & s_{1} & s_{1}(L_{2}+d_{2}) \\ s_{1}c_{3} & -s_{1}s_{3} & -c_{1} & -c_{1}(L_{2}+d_{2}) \\ s_{3} & c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The frame assignment must be such that the D-H parameters can be determined without any ambiguity



Alternative frame assignment (D-H convention does not yield a unique assignment)



- $\mathcal{F}_1$  aligns with  $\mathcal{F}_0$  when  $\theta_1 = 0$
- $\mathcal{F}_3$  aligns with  $\mathcal{F}_2$  when  $\theta_3 = 0$
- Axis Z are identified with the joint axis



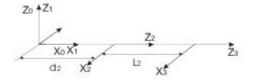


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$${}_{3}^{0}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1}c_{3} & -c_{1}s_{3} & -s_{1} & -s_{1}(L_{2} + d_{2}) \\ s_{1}c_{3} & -s_{1}s_{3} & c_{1} & c_{1}(L_{2} + d_{2}) \\ -s_{3} & -c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: Compare this transformation with the one obtained in the previous example TÉCNICO LISBOA

And if the frame assignment does not follow D-H?



i		$\alpha_{i-1}$	$a_{i-1}$	di	$\theta_i$
1		0	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	2	×	0	0	×
3	}	0	0	$L_2$	$\theta_3$

It is not possible to determine  $\alpha_1$  e  $\theta_2$ , hence the link transformation obtained from D-H can not be used; still ...

#### Teaser:

Is it possible to put the manipulator in a configuration such that the D-H parame-



ters can be determined?



$${}^{0}_{1}T = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} c_{1} & -s_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad {}^{2}_{3}T = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} c_{3} & -s_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{3} & c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & L_{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$${}^{1}_{2}T = \operatorname{Trans}_{X}(d_{2}) R_{Z}(-\pi/2) R_{X}(-\pi/2)$$

- Note that <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>T can be easily obtained by inspection of the frames
- The full transformation is

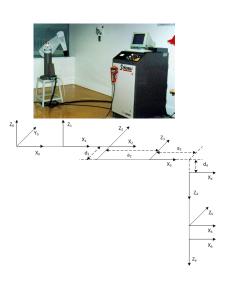
$${}_{3}^{0}T = \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} s_{1}c_{3} & -s_{1}c_{3} & c_{1} & c_{1}(L_{2}+d_{2}) \\ -c_{1}c_{3} & c_{1}s_{3} & s_{1} & s_{1}(L_{2}+d_{2}) \\ -s_{3} & -c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

This transformation contains all the information on the geometry of the manipulator





#### Direct kinematics - The Puma 560





i	$\alpha_{i-1}$	$a_{i-1}$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1	$0 \\ -\pi/2 \\ 0 \\ -\pi/2 \\ \pi/2 \\ -\pi/2$	0	0	$ heta_1$
2	$-\pi/2$	0	0	$\theta_2$
3	0	$a_2$	$-d_3$	$\theta_3$
4	$-\pi/2$	$a_3$	$d_4$	$\theta_{4}$
5	$\pi/2$	0	0	$\theta_5$
6	$-\pi/2$	0	0	$ heta_6$ $^{ ext{técnico}}$ Lisboa

#### Direct kinematics – The Puma 560

$${}^{0}_{1}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1} & -s_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}_{2}^{1}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{2} & -s_{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{2} & -c_{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{4}{5}T = \begin{bmatrix} 64 & -35 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ s_5 & c_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{0}_{1}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1} & -s_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

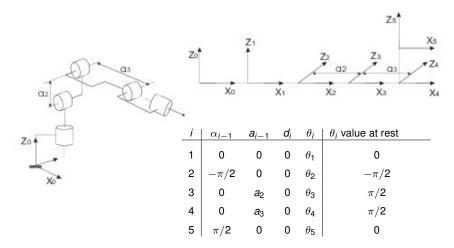
$${}^{1}_{2}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{2} & -s_{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{2} & -c_{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{2}_{3}T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{3} & -s_{3} & 0 & a_{2} \\ s_{3} & c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -d_{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{0}_{6}T = {}^{0}_{1}T \ {}^{1}_{2}T \ {}^{2}_{3}T \ {}^{3}_{4}T \ {}^{4}_{5}T \ {}^{5}_{6}T$$



#### Direct kinematics – The Yasukawa L3



Sometimes the rest configuration of the manipulator does not correspond to the pinternico LISBOA variables being at "zero"



#### Inverse kinematics I

#### Goal:

Given a point in the workspace  $(x, y, z, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , determine the corresponding point(s) in the joi space

Positioning of the end-effector in an arbitrary point  $(x,y,z,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)$  requires a minimum of 6 degrees of freedom



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How many solutions?

2 solutions

#### Inverse kinematics II

- General 6R manipulators 16 sols (real and complex), [Sinha et al, 2018], [Wang et al, 2006]
- 6R manipulators with the axis of the last 3 joints intersecting in a common point
   8 solutions in closed form, [Tsai, Morgan, 1985]
- 6R manipulators with any 3 adjacent axis parallel to each others 8 solutions in closed form, [Tsai, Morgan, 1985]



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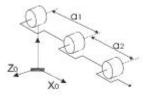
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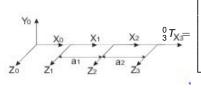


## Inverse kinematics - Algebraic method I



i	$\alpha_{i-1}$	$a_{i-1}$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1	0	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	0	a <sub>1</sub>	0	$\theta_2$
3	0	$a_2$	0	$\theta_3$

#### Manipulator RRR planar

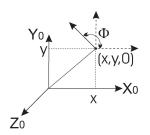


C <sub>123</sub>	$-s_{123}$	0	$a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12}$
s <sub>123</sub>	C <sub>123</sub>	0	$a_1s_1 + a_2s_{12}$
0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1 _





### Inverse kinematics - Algebraic method II



$$\begin{array}{c} \Phi \\ (x,y,0) \\ \hline \\ x \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} base \\ tool \\ \hline \end{array} T = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} c_{\Phi} & -s_{\Phi} & 0 & x \\ s_{\Phi} & c_{\Phi} & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Which values for  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  yield

$$\frac{\text{base }T}{\text{tool}} = \frac{0}{3}T$$





### Inverse kinematics - Algebraic method

Equating the transformation "as seen by the end-effector" to the direct kinematics transformation results in

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{\Phi} & -s_{\Phi} & 0 & x \\ s_{\Phi} & c_{\Phi} & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{123} & -s_{123} & 0 & a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12} \\ s_{123} & c_{123} & 0 & a_1s_1 + a_2s_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

from where one obtains

$$\begin{array}{ll} c_{\Phi}=c_{123} & x=a_1c_1+a_2c_{12} \\ s_{\Phi}=s_{123} & y=a_1s_1+a_2s_{12} \\ & x^2+y^2=a_1^2+a_2^2+2a_1a_2c_2 \end{array}$$
 
$$c_2=\frac{x^2+y^2-a_1^2-a_2^2}{2a_1a_2} & s_2=\pm\sqrt{1-c_2^2} \end{array}$$



$$\theta_2 = \operatorname{atan2}(s_2, c_2) \longrightarrow 2 \text{ solutions}$$



## Inverse kinematics - Algebraic method

$$x = a_1c_1 + a_2c_1c_2 - a_2s_1s_2 = (a_1 + a_2c_2)c_1 - a_2s_2s_1 = K_1c_1 - K_2s_1$$

$$y = a_1s_1 + a_2c_1s_2 + a_2s_1c_2 = \underbrace{(a_1 + a_2c_2)}_{K_1} s_1 + \underbrace{a_2s_2}_{K_2} c_1 = K_1s_1 + K_2c_1$$

solving

$$c_1 = \frac{x + K_2 y}{K_1^2 + K_2^2} \qquad \qquad s_1 = \frac{y K_1 - K_2 x}{K_1^2 + K_2^2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \operatorname{atan2}\left(K_1y - K_2x, K_1x + K_2y\right), \qquad \forall \ \theta_2, \quad \text{note that it is always true that} \ K_1^2 + K_2^2 > 0$$

to the remaining joint variable

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = \operatorname{atan2}(s_{\Phi}, c_{\Phi}) = \Phi \longrightarrow \theta_3 = \Phi - \theta_2 - \theta_1$$



